

XVIII.—OCCURRENCE OF THE TRUMPETER BULLFINCH
(*BUCANETES GITHAGINEA CRASSIROSTRIS*) IN THE
PUNJAB SALT RANGE.

I met with some small parties of this Finch at the foot of the Salt Range, near the salt mine at Warcha in the Shahpur District, in the middle of January of this year. They were on a steep, bare, and stony hill-side and kept up an incessant twittering, but for which they would probably have escaped my notice, so perfectly did their plumage match the surroundings.

Two males were secured and sent to Mr. H. Whistler, who kindly identified them.

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PUNJAB,

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XIX.—MIGRATION NOTES FROM KASHGAR, CHINESE
TURKESTAN.

Most duck appear to have migrated North now, but on April 8, I saw a good many teal on one of the rivers close to Kashgar.

On February 26 and 27 I saw many flights of pintail on the Yarkand and Tisuaif rivers between Yarkand and Karghalik, but there were none by March 26.

Duck first appear to come to Kashgar about the middle of September. At that time they go to the open marshes and lakes round about. In mid-November there were very many duck on such places, including mallard, pintail, golden eye, teal and red-crested pochard. As these lakes gradually get frozen over, the duck come into the rivers near Kashgar which are fed by warm springs and do not freeze.

Practically all the duck that stay on the river during December and January are mallard. The following totals of game shot last winter will show the proportions during December and January.

	Mallard.	Gad-wall.	Teal.	Golden eye.	Mer-ganser.	Snipe.	Widgeon.	White-fronted goose.
December ...	53	1	...	2	1	1	...	1
January ...	610	...	7	10	3	12	2	...

On January 31, out of 102 birds shot 101 were mallard.

By the middle of February the duck have mostly returned to the marshes and lakes, and the majority seem to leave the district about the end of February and beginning of March.